



# EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING – MARIANO

## What happened?

Mariano contacted the Volunteer Centre in July, looking for a way to give back to the community as part of his 'Volunteer Day' at work. Mariano's background is Electronic Engineering but he was happy to explore opportunities that were unrelated to his job.

Mariano explained that he was a very decent DIY-er and was looking for role that he could get stuck into. He wanted something rewarding, either in this area or in a foodbank but was open to anything where he could make a difference.

The Volunteer Centre explored different roles with Mariano and, after a great suggestion from Simon Robinson (Salford CVS Grants Team), linked him in with 'The Bread & Butter Thing' to volunteer for the day there.

**“My workplace, Schneider Electric, was organising a Volunteering day, where everyone was given the chance to volunteer and 650+ took the offer! The company was providing volunteer options within our sites, however we've also been encouraged to help our local communities if we wanted. I thought there would be plenty of people in the office so I went for the option of Local Community.”**



## Mariano's feedback:

*"On the day at 'The Bread and Butter Thing', we loaded lots of food parcels into several vans which in turn would go to hubs to be separated into bags with a mix of products to be distributed in the community at a massive discount. It was great, I met interesting people on the day and found out about other community programs - I didn't know they existed! It was great to be able to take part on saving a lot of food products from being wasted as well!"*

### **LinkedIn post:**

*"Today it was a very different day! Thanks to The Bread and Butter Thing for allowing me to volunteer with you today and help the community with the cost of living crisis while cutting food waste at the same time, what a great project! Thanks to Grace Kennedy at Salford CVS for finding the right organisation and coordinating it! And a big thanks to Schneider Electric for allowing me and so many more colleagues to take the time and give back to our communities on the SE Volunteering Day, amazing initiative!"*

It is great to hear that Mariano had such a rewarding experience, giving back to the community and we wish him all the best for the future!

**"The Salford CVS Volunteer Centre service was great and I wouldn't have been able to find an opportunity otherwise as I don't have the connections."**

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